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REMARKS

It is believed that the following remarks attend to all rejections presented in the pending final September 26, 2006 office action. This response is timely made within two months of the mailing of the final office action since November 26 was a Sunday; accordingly we solicit an advisory action in reply hereto.

Claims 10-12, 14-18, 20-26, 28-32 remain pending in the application, of which claims 10 and 16 are independent. Briefly, this amendment operates as follows:

The abstract is presented in clean form (as the last page of this response) per the Examiner's objections in paragraph 1 of the present action. It is also amended to correspond to the now amended independent claims.

Claims 13 and 19 are corrected as "(canceled)" per the Examiner's objections in paragraph 2 of the present action.

Claims 16-18, 20-26 and 31 are amended to deal with antecedence issues per the Examiner's objections in paragraph 3 of the present action.

Independent claims 10 and 16 are rewritten to incorporate the features of claim 27, now canceled, since claim 27 is indicated as allowable in the present action. While we disagree with the arguments presented by the Examiner in respect to rejected claims 10-12, 14-18, 20-32, we submit this response to further prosecution and encourage issuance in this particular case. In particular, we submit that all the claims are allowable due to the amendments of independent claims 10, 16 by the incorporation of claim 27 features therein. All dependent claims depend from either claim 10 or 16 and benefit from like argument.

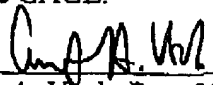
It is believed that no fees are due in connection with this amendment. If any fee is however due in connection with this response, please charge Deposit Account No. 12-0600.

We request that the Examiner contact the undersigned for a telephonic interview if any claims will still be rejected or if prosecution of the application may be expedited thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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